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GAIL (India) Limited	Installation of 6th Furnace for increasing Polymer production capacity at Pata Petrochemical Plant in Auraiya District.	97.00	Completion schedule is 18 months and likely to be completed as per schedule.

Supply of gas and crude from Central Asia

797. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status regarding negotiations between the concerned countries relating to Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline;

(b) whether any independent steps are being taken by India to ensure easy supply of gas and crude from Central Asian counties which formed part of USSR before it split up, to India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when they are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) In order to enhance energy security of the country, import of natural gas is being pursued from Iran through Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) Gas Pipeline Project. Various important issues concerning the Project are under discussion amongst the participating countries, *viz.*, Iran, Pakistan & India.

(b) and (c) Import of natural gas is being pursued from Turkmenistan as well. India has been formally admitted as a member of Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline project in the 10th Steering Committee Meeting (SCM) of the Project held in Islamabad on April 23-24, 2008. Further, Gas Pipeline Framework Agreement has also been initialled by the Ministers of all the participating countries in the 10th SCM. Various important issues concerning the Project are under discussion amongst the participating countries, *viz.*, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan & India.

Such multilateral projects involve protracted discussions, as all the aspects have to be carefully examined and deliberated upon to the satisfaction of the participating countries to protect each country's interests and to avoid any problems in the future in the successful operation of the projects. Implementation of the Project will start only after satisfactory resolution of the issues under discussion amongst the countries participating in the Project. As such, a time schedule cannot be laid down.

Further, India imports some quantities of crude oil from Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan.

India has also expressed its interest to import LNG from Russia.

Non-market prices of petro-products

798. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:
SHRI RAJ KUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the cost country bore during 2007-08 and is likely to bear during 2008-09 by major products at non-market prices of petroleum products?